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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Santa Clarita – Two Santa Clarita Valley Subjects Arrested in Major East Coast Drug Bust

(U) The dismantling of a multi-state drug trafficking organization that used the US Postal Service to mail packages of crystal methamphetamine and marijuana from California to traffickers in Pennsylvania since at least April 2016—and the arrests of five leaders who spearheaded the corrupt organization, including two from the Santa Clarita Valley—were announced on 17 January by the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania District Attorney. During the course of the investigation, law enforcement identified more than 350 pounds of illegal crystal methamphetamine and marijuana in multiple shipments.

SOURCE: 17 January 2018, [SCV News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Nebraska – St Charles Man Indicted on Terrorism Charges in Nebraska Amtrak Incident

(U) St Charles – A St Charles man who was charged with a terrorism offenses last month after allegedly stopping an Amtrak train in Nebraska is now facing a grand jury indictment on two related charges and could face gun charges in St Louis. The complaint claims Wilson breached a secure area of the train, and was found in the engineer's seat of the follow engine "playing with the controls" of the train. He struggled with Amtrak staff and was later found with a handgun in his waistband.

SOURCE: 18 January 2018, [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#)

(U) Virginia – FBI Says Accused ISIS Supporter Had Child Porn

(U) Sterling – Federal agents who searched a Virginia man's electronic devices for ties to ISIS found child porn, according to court documents. Sean Andrew Duncan, a 21-year-old Muslim convert, moved to Loudoun County from Pennsylvania earlier this year. Prosecutors say he had voiced support for ISIS and was researching how to plan and commit a terrorist attack. When FBI agents came to search his home in late December, Duncan fled and was charged with obstruction of justice.

SOURCE: 18 January 2018, [Washington Post](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Australia – Police Make Large Cocaine Seizure in Australia

(U) Sydney – Australian authorities have seized 1.28 tons of cocaine—the second-biggest haul of the drug ever in the country—valued at around \$400 million, according to authorities. The drug was hidden in 2,576 blocks in a pre-fabricated steel container that reached Sydney from China, the Australian Federal police said in a statement. The police revelations come after Serbian police on 16 January arrested three Australians accused of importing the drug, followed by five raids in Australia on 17 January.

SOURCE: 19 January 2018, [Latin American Herald Tribune](#)

(U) Italy – Police Bust a Chinese Mafia Organization in Italy

(U) Rome – Police officers in Italy uncovered a Chinese mafia organization yesterday, arresting 33 people

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on suspicion of running a criminal enterprise that dominated the transport of Chinese products in Europe, financed with money from prostitution, gambling and drugs. The network's headquarters was in Prato, a Tuscan city northwest of Florence that has long been home to a large Chinese community that manufactures low-priced garments.

SOURCE: 18 January 2018, [New York Times](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Every 2017 Terrorist Attack, Mapped

(U) London – The number of people dying in terrorist attacks is dropping, according to a report. The study, done annually by Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center, uses open-source information to track every instance of politically and ideologically motivated violence by non-state armed groups and individuals. Its latest report shows that the number of terrorist attacks dropped slightly in 2017, to 22,487. The number of civilians killed by terrorists fell to 18,475 last year, a 33 percent drop from 2016.

SOURCE: 18 January 2018, [Washington Post](#)

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